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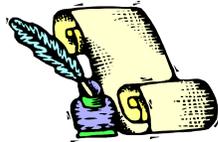
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# Citizen Newsletter

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## From The Mayor's Corner



It's hard to forget the ice storms we've received in the past few years. The large storm in 2007 left the City and citizens without power for several days. One major reason for the power outages were tree limbs breaking power lines.

In response to these ice storms, the City and several other agencies have updated plans and procedures to hopefully curtail future damage when the next ice storm occurs.

Recently, the City received a letter from The Empire District Electric Company outlining one of their yearly maintenance procedures—"Tree Trimming." The Empire District Electric Company delivers electricity to 170,000 customers on a system containing nearly 7,000 miles of lines. Their distribution circuits and transmission lines are scheduled for tree trimming on a cyclical basis for improved service reliability.

Job planners are scheduled to survey circuits in our area in 2010. Tree crews typically follow the planners anywhere between seven to ninety days. They will be trimming approximately 1,100 miles of power lines in the coming year.

Empire's licensed and insured contractors are required to follow the ANSI A300 Part1 Trimming standards. A variety of methods will be used, including mechanical, manual, brush disposal, tree removal and herbicide application. This service is provided at no cost to the property owner. Wood chips and logs are available upon request as long as the contractor is in your neighborhood.

Empire strives to balance appreciation for trees and the company's obligation to provide safe, reliable electric service at the lower possible cost. If you have questions or concerns about Empire's trimming, you may contact Marilyn Ponder in the Vegetation Management Department at Empire at (417) 625-5185. As always, contact the City for questions or comments pertaining to City business.

Mayor Brian C. Buckner



The art of being wise is the art of knowing what to overlook.

William James



Washington

An opinion should be the result of thought, not a substitute for it.

Jef Mallett



Lincoln

If you think you're too small to have an impact, try going to bed with a mosquito in the room.

Anita Koddick



## 2010 Census – Facts to Know

The countdown to the 2010 Census has begun, and the U.S. Census Bureau is looking to local governments and community leaders to ensure an accurate count. With Census Day just around the corner (April 1, 2010) the City of Republic has partnered with the Census Bureau to promote participation in and around the City of Republic. Reasons for residents to be aware of the upcoming census and the need to participate are:

- The federal government uses census numbers to allocate more than \$300 billion in federal funds annually for community programs and services, such as education, housing and community development, health care services for the elderly, job training and more.
- State, local and tribal governments use census information for planning and allocating funds for new school construction, libraries and other public buildings, highway safety and public transportation systems, new roads and bridges, location of police and fire departments, and many other projects.
- Community organizations use census information to develop social service programs, community action projects, senior lunch programs and child-care centers.
- The numbers help businesses identify where to locate factories, shopping centers, movie theaters, banks and offices - activities that often lead to new jobs.
- The census totals are used to determine how many seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives. In addition, states use the numbers to allocate seats in their state legislatures.

The 2010 Census will include one of the shortest questionnaires in U.S. history, generally taking less than 10 minutes to complete. All responses are used for statistical purposes only and are strictly confidential. For more information, visit [www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov).

## Republic Police Welcome New K-9 Team



Pictured above is the newly formed Republic Police Department K-9 team. Through community donations, the Republic Police Department was able to purchase the new addition to our Department, "Nik". He is an imported German Shepherd that was bred specifically for work as a Police Service Dog. He and his new partner, Officer Kris Magill, have begun their joint training to become a full service K-9 Team. Nik will be trained and certified in obedience, tracking missing persons, drug searches, handler protection and building searches, to list a few. We appreciate the support of the private citizens and Republic Kiwanis Club that made our progress possible. Police service dogs are in use in agencies all around the world as an accepted way to improve the safety of the community and the delivery of service from law enforcement. When Officer Magill and Nik complete their training, we look forward to demonstrating the benefits to our citizens. For further information, please check the City of Republic web site, [www.republicmo.com](http://www.republicmo.com)



## Adult Volleyball League Registration Begins

Registration for adult volleyball league play will be held from February 1st through February 19th. Cost is \$175.00 per team for a nine game league. Games will be played on Thursdays at the Republic Activities Building. Season play begins February 25th.

## Youth Spring Co-Ed Soccer Sign-up Starting



Spring youth co-ed soccer registration will be February 1st through 19th. Season play begins March 16th. This program is for boys and girls ages 4 through 12. Games will be played on Tuesdays and Thursdays at Garoutte Field. Cost is \$150.00 for resident team and \$275.00 for non-resident teams. Volunteers interested in helping coach this program may call Republic Parks & Recreation at 732-3500.

## Junior High/High School Boys & Girls Basketball League Registration Set



Registration for Junior High and High School boys and girls basketball leagues will begin on February 22nd and run through March 12th. Registration fee is \$250.00 for resident teams and \$250.00 for non-resident teams. Games will be played at the Republic Community Center. Season play begins March 22nd, with game days to be announced.



## Senior Movie

Republic Parks & Recreation will be showing a movie for senior citizens on Thursday, February 25th at 2:00 p.m. at the Community Center. Admission is free and no registration required. Popcorn and coffee will be provided at no charge.

## Annual Father-Daughter Dance to Be Held



Dads, bring your special little girl and enjoy a night of dancing and fun on Friday, February 5th, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Republic Community Center. Pre-registration is required and registration deadline is 5:00 p.m. the day of the dance. Cost is \$22.00 per couple and \$10.00 for each additional daughter. This includes a 5x7 keepsake photo. For more information call Parks & Recreation at 732-3500.

## Babysitting Basics Classes to Be Offered



Republic Parks & Recreation will be sponsoring a babysitting class on Saturday, February 27th, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Community Center. Classes will cover basic situations that might arise in the course of this very important job. Holding, feeding, diapering, and entertaining are some of the issues that will be discussed. Participants will also be trained in infant/child CPR. Registration is required and there will be a maximum of 8 participants per session. Babysitters must be 12-15 years of age. Cost is \$40.00 per participant, which includes lunch. Registration deadline is February 19th.

## Discounted 2010 Aquatic Center Season Passes Available Until March 19th



Discounted prices are as follows:

Resident – Initial Member- \$85 (save \$15)  
Additional Family Member -\$15 (save \$5)

Non-resident – Initial Member- \$105 (save \$15)  
Additional Family Member- \$20 (save \$5)

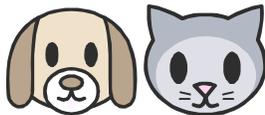


## Spotlight on Ordinances



**BUSINESS LICENSE** –605.010 It shall be unlawful for a person to operate a business within the City without first having obtained a valid business license or permit. This would include contractors, subcontractors, manufacturers, merchants or wholesalers, excluding charitable and civic groups. In addition, this includes all apartments, duplexes, and any home based businesses.

**ANIMAL NEGLECT OR ABANDONMENT** –210.370 A person is guilty of animal neglect when he/she has custody or ownership or both of an animal and fails to provide adequate care or adequate control which results in substantial harm to the animal. A person is guilty of animal abandonment when he/she has knowingly abandoned an animal in any place without making provisions for its adequate care.



**ABANDONED/JUNK VEHICLES** - 425.040

Any vehicle which does not properly display license plates or stickers indicating current registration and has one or more of the following characteristics—lack of engine, lack of tires, missing windows, missing auto body parts, or condition has become a potential source for rodents, garbage and contamination.



**OFF STREET PARKING** –405.590.3

Off-street parking space may be located within the required front yard of any “C” or “M” District, but no off-street parking shall be permitted in the required front yard of any “R” (Residential) District except upon a driveway providing access to a garage, carport, or parking area for a dwelling.



## Calendar of Events



- 2/1 Youth Winter Volleyball season begins
- 2/2 Youth Co-ed Soccer registration begins
- 2/2 Spring Adult Volleyball League registration begins
- 2/5 Father/Daughter Valentine Dance
- 2/15 PRESIDENTS DAY – CITY OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED
- 2/15 School’s Out Program
- 2/19 Youth Co-ed Soccer registration deadline
- 2/20 Babysitting Basics Class registration deadline
- 2/21 Parents’ Night Out (Pre-registration is required)
- 2/22 Junior High/High School Girls & Boys Basketball League registration begins
- 2/25 Adult Volleyball season begins
- 2/27 Babysitting Basics Class

**City Meetings**

- Board of Adjustment – 2/4
- Business Commission – 2/24
- Capital Improvements – 2/16
- City Council – 2/8
- 2/22
- Community Pride – 2/2
- Planning & Zoning – 2/16



It isn't the mountains ahead that wear you out - It's the grain of sand in your shoe.

Anonymous